

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Feast of Pentecost
June 8 – June 14, AD 2025

Pentecost is naturally a good time to focus our attention on the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther of blessed memory provides a very simple and straightforward explanation of the Holy Spirit's work - "He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith." The Holy Spirit brings you to Jesus and the gifts of Jesus to you and He keeps you united to Jesus. And all of this happens when and wherever the mighty works of God in Christ Jesus are preached. When we are gathered in our homes around the Word of God, when we are gathered together to hear the public proclamation of the Word in church, when we share the comfort and hope of Christ with friends, with the sick and shut in, with those in prison, with those who are mourning - the Holy Spirit is doing His mighty work of gathering the Church, just as He did on Pentecost. If we then forsake this calling and gathering work of the Holy Spirit, then we are forsaking Jesus and the salvation which He alone can give. May Christ forgive us for not joyfully gathering daily around His Word and may the Holy Spirit work in us a fervent desire to gather around our Savior and receive His gracious gifts of life and salvation.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The Creed – The Third Article and Explanation

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Matthew 5:10 – *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Psalm 68

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (LSB 768)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF HOLY PENTECOST

① SUNDAY	JOHN 14:23-31	
② MONDAY	LUKE 7:11-17	AMOS 8:9-12
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 7:18-35	AMOS 9:8-15
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 11:19-30, 13:1-3	MARK 6:7-13
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 7:36-50	HOSEA 2:16-23
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 8:1-21	HOSEA 4:6-10
⑦ SATURDAY	LUKE 8:22-25	HOSEA 6:1-6

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ethan Sims (8), Chris Carranza (11), Christina Null (13).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Roberta Lowery (12).
- Abbe Fenner who has been hospitalized.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Michael, Greg.
- Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Jeannie Long, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus, Ron Lane, Maureen Rump, Joshan and Leah Savage.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Feast of the Holy Trinity – June 15, 2025

The Lord's Prayer – First Petition and Explanation

Hymns: 948, 498, 636, 768, 876, 655, 953

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-7, Romans 11:33-36, John 3:1-17

